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COUNTY AGENT WILL RESIGN FEBRUARY 1

E. Peterson Goes To Utah After Four Years in County. Much Work Accomplished.

E. Peterson, county agent of Curry County for the past four years, has resigned and will leave February 1st for Richfield, Utah, where he will make his future home.

Those who have watched the progress of Curry County since 1917, give Mr. Peterson a great deal of credit for making this one of the banner agricultural counties of the state.

A review of the annual reports of the county agent's office for the past four years reveals a number of projects started and work accomplished during that time.

Among the projects that Mr. Peterson has enthusiastically supported are the Boys' and Girls' Club



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work, treating seed wheat for smut control, giving demonstrations for prevention of disease among live stock, increasing the amount of pure-bred stock on the farms, and boosting for the county fair.

Mr. Peterson has been very active in Farm Bureau work and many other movements for the benefit of the farmers of Curry County.

ISSUES FIRST LICENSE

County Clerk Daniel Boone issued his first marriage license last Saturday when Miss Belle Brown and Mr. Earl Vaughn were licensed to wed. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Hunter, by Judge Noble. The young couple will make their home at Plainview, Texas.

PAT WOOD RETURNS

Deputy Sheriff Pat Wood returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where he was called three weeks ago on account of the serious illness of his brother.

Pat says that during his stay in Fort Worth several people were killed, a lynching party was held, seven people were burned to death, and a dozen robberies were reported most every night.

"It's good to get back to a nice, peaceful country," said Pat.

MARRIAGE RECORDS

Miss Belle Brown and Earl Vaughn both of Plainview, Texas, were married by Judge J. P. Noble Tuesday. Vincenta Garcia and Ruperto Sanchez were married Wednesday by Rev. Fabian Hoerner.

Miss Lela Perkins and Emmett McCullough, both of Melrose, were issued marriage license Wednesday.

IMPROVING RAPIDLY

Miss Alice Martin, who was operated on last week at the Baptist Hospital for appendicitis, is getting along nicely and will soon be able to return to Las Vegas to re-enter school.

ATTENDING TAX MEETING

Tax Assessor George Roach and County Commissioner J. D. Lynch are in Santa Fe this week attending the state meeting of the assessors and commissioners to discuss tax matters.

UNION MORTGAGE CO. SELECTS OFFICERS

The Union Mortgage Company, at its annual meeting of stockholders, held this week, selected the following officers and directors to serve the company during the coming year:

President—S. A. Jones.
Vice-Presidents—Fred E. Dennis and R. E. Maupin.
Secretary and Manager—Chas. E. Dennis.
Assistant Secretary—Miss A. V. Floyd.

FARMERS STATE BANK SELECTS OFFICERS

The Farmers State Bank at its annual meeting of stockholders selected the following officers and directors for the coming year:

President—S. J. Boykin.
Vice-President—J. W. Wilkinson.
Cashier—A. W. Skarda.
Ass't Cashier—Joe Hewett.
Directors—S. J. Boykin, J. S. Skarda, C. F. Doughton, A. W. Skarda, W. U. Dannelly and Joe Wilkinson.

WILL BUILD BEAUTIFUL HOME ON GIDDING ST.

J. W. Mordecai has the material on the ground for a new home that he will erect this spring at the corner of Gidding Street and East Bent Avenue.

PURCHASED AVALON HOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cooper of Oklahoma have recently moved to Clovis and have purchased the Avalon Hotel.

CLOVIS BUSINESS MEN FORM KIWANIS CLUB

Henry G. Coors, of Albuquerque Helps Secure Fifty Charter Members.

Henry G. Coors, president of the Kiwanis Club at Albuquerque, was in Clovis this week assisting in the organization of a Kiwanis Club for Clovis. The necessary fifty members were readily procured and the organization starts off with the following temporary officers: C. A. Scheurich, president; W. I. Luikart, secretary; A. Mandell, treasurer. On next Monday evening at seven o'clock at the Elks Home a meeting will be held to select permanent officers and to organize.

A Booster Organization

The Kiwanis Club is a booster organization in which business men of the town may get together for their own good and for the welfare of the public. There are numbers of the clubs all over the country, all doing good work and furnishing a valuable adjunct to the chambers of commerce. Clovis has the fourth club formed in New Mexico, the others being at Albuquerque, Roswell and Gallup. The Kiwanis Club is similar to the Rotary Club but is wider in its scope of good for the community. Only two representatives of the same class of business may join, but the number of membership of the organization is not limited.

The club will make plans for weekly noon-day luncheons to be held at some convenient place. The following have joined as charter members and others will no doubt join later.

Chas. A. Scheurich, Wm. J. Luikart, Armand Mandell, Chas. W. Harrison, Geo. E. Jones, Alanzo W. Johnson, Joe W. Wilkinson, Roland M. Bishop, Dr. John B. Westerfield, Geo. O. Roberts, Carl A. Hatch, Frank S. Burns, Edward L. Manson, John R. Denhof, Geo. P. Kuykendall, A. W. Hockenhull, W. B. Cramer, W. F. Swartz, K. C. Childers, E. E. Hull, E. T. Jernigan, Fred E. Dennis, J. E. Lindley, E. R. Hardwick, W. O. Stallings, E. W. Reagan, Judge S. G. Bratton, Dr. E. M. Chapman, Dr. A. L. Dillon, R. A. Yost, J. W. Mordecai, W. H. Duckworth, Dr. J. W. Board, C. F. Doughton, Dr. H. A. Miller, Louis P. J. Masterson, Slaughter Murray, Walter W. Mayes, A. B. Austin, S. A. Jones, R. P. Killbrow, O. M. Walters, H. Y. Overstreet, F. B. Herod, E. W. Bowyer, G. A. Campbell, W. L. Price, Dr. C. O. Warriner, Jno. F. Taylor, Roy R. Smith.

CITY RECORDS SHOW LOW NUMBER OF FIRES

Fire Chief Jack Lewis Answers 33 Calls During Year. Losses Estimated at \$20,000.

Answering 33 fire calls during 1920, wherein the total damage was estimated at \$20,000, is the record made by Chief Jack Lewis, of Clovis. The largest loss of the year resulted when the Mordecai work shop at the new Eugene Field school building was burned last June. It is estimated that \$12,000 worth of machinery and wood-work for the new building were destroyed.

However, most of the other fires resulted in small losses, and many of them in practically no damage. Twenty-four of the fires resulted in losses of less than \$100.

Most of the blazes were brought under control in a hurry—fires that would otherwise have been disastrous. A good example of the work of the department was the blaze at White's Cafe on South Main Street early in August. The building stood between two other frame buildings and the fire was extinguished before either of them had been damaged.

The City of Clovis receives \$500 each year from the Fire Insurance Commission of the state, and this fund is used for additional equipment. However, many smaller towns are receiving much larger allotments from the state and an effort will be made during the coming session of the legislature to have the allotment raised to \$1,000 annually.

MOVING DAY FEVER HITS HIGH SCHOOL

Along with the moving day fever that has hit Clovis, the high school has been busy with arrangements for the new year.

A number of seats were moved from the class rooms to the new Eugene Field building which was taken over after the first of the year. Offices are being changed and re-arranged, too.

In the auditorium 440 new opera seats have been installed in the place of school desks, and more than 300 lockers for the students' use were set up.

NEW COMMISSIONERS TO MEET SATURDAY

The new County Commissioners—Dr. J. D. Lynch of Melrose and J. W. Manning of Hollone—will qualify this week and the new board will have its first meeting next Saturday at which time they will organize for the year's work and transact any other business that may come before the board.

WELL MACHINERY HAS BEEN SHIPPED

The machinery for the big well the City will put down has been shipped and work will be commenced by the contractor just as soon as it arrives.

W. B. DODSON HERE.

W. B. Dodson of Fort Worth, Texas, is spending the week in Clovis. Mr. Dodson is vice-president of the Lone Star Lumber Company, and was one of the early residents of Clovis, having located here when the town first started. "Clovis is a great town," said Mr. Dodson to the Newsman. "Every time I make a trip here I see new improvements and signs of progress and in my opinion the town will continue to have a healthy growth."

DEPUTIES HOLD OVER

J. H. Monzingo and H. M. Wood, deputy sheriffs during the past term, will hold over during the present term, according to S. D. Dean, sheriff. Miss Nell Hayes, who has been acting as deputy county clerk the past few months, will hold the same office during the present term. Daniel Boone, county clerk, stated Thursday.

TOO MANY BAD CHECKS.

Bad checks have become so numerous lately that Clovis merchants are adopting very strict rules in regard to taking checks. Some are even threatening to accept no checks without first calling up the bank on which the check is drawn.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Curry County School Board held its first meeting of the year at the Court House Monday morning. Members of the Board are as follows: A. J. Conley of Melrose, E. C. Huffman of Grady; W. W. Hungate of Texico; and Mrs. Una M. Steed of Clovis. No member has yet been appointed to take the place of Mrs. Steed who takes the place of J. M. Bickley as chairman of the board by virtue of her election as County Superintendent.

W. C. ZERWER GOES TO CLOVIS NATIONAL

W. C. Zerwer, who has just finished his service as County Clerk, is now at the teller's window at the Clovis National Bank, having assumed the duties of his position the first of the week. Mr. Zerwer made Curry County a competent official and will no doubt serve in his new position in as thorough a manner.

PHONE WORK PROGRESSING

Work on the Clovis telephone system, preparatory to installing the common battery system, is progressing nicely according to F. W. Myers, exchange manager, and it is expected that the company will be able to move into its new quarters about the first of April.

GRAIN MARKET

Wheat, per bu. \$1.55
Maize and Kaffir, per cwt. 60c
Shelled corn, per bu. 60c
Ear Corn, per bu. 35c

Gov. Mecham Pledged to Reduction of State Taxes

Santa Fe, N. M.—"Taxes in this state must be reduced so that every taxpayer when he goes to pay his taxes next time will know and will appreciate the fact that they have been materially and effectually reduced." This was the keynote of the brief inaugural address made by Governor Merritt C. Mecham, made on the front steps of the state house at noon Saturday. The inaugural ceremonies, despite a bitter cold wind, were held in the open air in the presence of a crowd of thousands of people. A short farewell address by the retiring governor, O. A. Larrazolo, the administering of the oath to Governor Mecham, and the latter's speech made up the program.

Where Taxation is Justified. We have heard a good deal recently," said the new governor, "about defects in our tax system; and while these will doubtless receive the attention they deserve, there is a vastly more important question to be considered, and that is, does the present high cost of government produce benefit in proportion to its use? And further, are those benefits enjoyed by the great majority of the people? There is no warrant in law to tax any individual for what does not directly or indirectly benefit him; and that benefit must be real and not merely speculative. Such will be the chief policy of this administration and every effort will be made to carry it into full effect." Governor Mecham's entire speech was devoted to the subject of reduced taxes, economy in government and a retrenchment so far as compatible with the actual needs of the state.

Will Redeem Party Pledges. "In these hard times," said the speaker, "it must be with the state, as it is with provident individuals—not a question of what we would like to have, but what we cannot get along without." Governor Mecham became very specific in assuring performance of the party pledges. "In regard to the pledges of reform," he said, "continued in the platform of the party we represent, they are each and every one of them to be kept to the letter, and in the spirit of complete fulfillment."

Reduction of Taxes Paramount. "The recommendations of the special revenue commission are entitled to careful and intelligent consideration," the governor continued. "What is desired is to put special emphasis on the fact that a reduction of taxation is the paramount obligation resting upon us at this time. The

LOCAL SANTA FE MAN HAS BEEN PROMOTED

H. H. Stephens Transferred to Amarillo as Mechanical Superintendent of Southern District.

H. H. Stephens, master mechanic of the Clovis shops of the Santa Fe for the past four years, has been transferred to Amarillo, where he assumed his duties as mechanical superintendent of the southern district of the western lines. W. G. Hartley, formerly general foreman of the shops at Richmond, Cal., has been promoted to master mechanic of the local shops. The change became effective on January 1.

Mr. Stephens has been with the Santa Fe for more than thirty years, beginning his career as machinist apprentice in Fort Madison, Iowa, January 7, 1890. He was master mechanic of the shops at Wellington, Kansas, for four years before being transferred to Clovis. In going to Amarillo he succeeds W. D. Deveny, who has been transferred to Topeka.

CITIZENS BANK DOUBLES CAPITAL STOCK

At the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Citizens Bank of Clovis held this week it was voted to increase the capital stock of the bank from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and the bank will operate with the doubled capital stock just as soon as the change is approved by the state banking department.

The following officers and directors will serve the bank during the coming year:

President—Chas. E. Dennis.
Vice-President—G. W. Singleton.
Vice-President—Cash Ramey.
Cashier—S. A. Jones.
Ass't Cashier—L. C. Petree.
Ass't Cashier—F. B. Herod.
Directors—Chas. E. Dennis, G. W. Singleton, Cash Ramey, S. A. Jones, J. E. Lindley, and C. S. Hart.

ATTENDED FATHER'S FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Killbrow returned this week from Sweetwater, Texas, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Killbrow's father, W. S. Killbrow, who died there last week.

DECEMBER BUSY MONTH FOR RED CROSS NURSE

Makes 98 Calls During Month, Caring For Twenty-five Patients. Classes are Started.

Making 98 calls during the month of December and caring for 25 patients, is the record of Miss Louise Wills, Red Cross nurse. Six of the cases were dismissed, and nineteen are still under the nurse's care, according to reports.

Four of the patients cared for by the nurse were under two years old, four between the ages of two and six years, three between the ages of six and twenty years, and eight over twenty years.

Ten visits were made to homes of school children, following examination in the school room by the nurse, and a total of 52 social service calls were made.

At the suggestion of the Red Cross nurse, four needy families were served Christmas dinners by various church organizations.

Another feature of the nurse's work is the class in home nursing and care of the sick, which started in south Clovis Wednesday. Nineteen ladies have enrolled for work in the class, which will consist of a series of lectures and demonstrations in sick room care. The class meets twice a week for ten weeks. Within a short time another class will be organized, according to Miss Wills.

PAY TAXES NOW.

The tax rolls were turned over to County Treasurer Morgan on Monday of this week and he and his office force have been busy writing tax receipts. Only the first half of the taxes are due at this time. The last half must be paid before June 1st.